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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,


Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union’s instruments for financing external action, and in particular Article 2(1) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In order to ensure the implementation of Mindanao Peace and Development Programme (MINPAD), Phase 1, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme for 2019. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.

(2) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU.

(3) The Commission has adopted the National Multiannual Indicative Programme for the period 2014-2020, which sets out the following priorities: peace building and inclusive growth through job creation.

(4) The objectives pursued by the annual action programme to be financed under the Development Cooperation Instrument are to improve social cohesion and resiliency of communities and to increase economic opportunities in Mindanao.

(5) The action entitled ‘Mindanao Peace and Development Programme (MINPAD), Phase 1’ will contribute to a peaceful, cohesive, secure and inclusively developed Mindanao through the provision of peace building and socio-economic development supports.

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2 OJ L 77, 15.3.2014, p. 95.
3 www.sanctionsmap.eu. Note that the sanctions map is an IT tool for identifying the sanctions regimes. The source of the sanctions stems from legal acts published in the Official Journal (OJ). In case of discrepancy, the OJ prevails.
Pursuant to Article 4(7) of Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the programme.

The Commission is to ensure a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union with regards to entities and persons entrusted with the implementation of Union funds by indirect management as provided for in Article 154(3) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.

To this end, such entities and persons are to be subject to an assessment of their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 154(4) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 before a contribution agreement can be signed.

It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.

In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the programme, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.

The action provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Development Cooperation Instrument Committee established under Article 19 of Regulation (EU) No 233/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The programme

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual programme for the implementation of the Annual Action Programme in favour of the Philippines for 2019 part 1, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

The programme shall include the following action:

– “Mindanao Peace and Development Programme (MINPAD), Phase 1” set out in the Annex.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2019 part 1 is set at EUR 55 000 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the of the general budget of the Union: 21.020200.

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

Article 3
Methods of implementation and entrusted entities or persons

6 Except for the cases of Article 154(6) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, where the Commission may decide, not to require an ex-ante assessment
The implementation of the actions carried out by way of indirect management, as set out in the Annex, may be entrusted to the entities or persons referred to or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in point 5.3 of the Annex.

Article 4

Flexibility clause

Increases or decreases of up to EUR 10 000 000 not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2, or cumulated changes\(^7\) to the allocations of specific actions not exceeding 20% of that contribution, as well as extensions of the implementation period shall not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, provided that these changes do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions. The use of contingencies shall be taken into account in the ceiling set by this Article.

The authorising officer responsible may apply the changes referred to in the first paragraph. Those changes shall be applied in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 26.4.2019

For the Commission
Neven MIMICA
Member of the Commission

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\(^7\) These changes can come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.